

Senate Resolution 40

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement and ENGAGE:
2 Youth in Government, which sponsors the Georgia Youth Assembly among other programs
3 that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, ENGAGE: Youth in Government is a Career Technical Student Organization
5 that supports high school students in the government and public administration cluster and
6 JROTC in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, ENGAGE: Youth in Government has a purpose to equip future civic leaders
8 with the skills, knowledge, and experiences needed to excel in government and serve the
9 public good; and

10 WHEREAS, there are more than 275 JROTC units in Georgia serving thousands of students;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Youth Assembly, which was established in 1946, is a model state
13 legislature for high school students in which students serve as legislators, justices, attorney,
14 members of the media, and lobbyists; and

15 WHEREAS, participants in the Youth Assembly may run for the offices of Youth Governor,
16 Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House; and

17 WHEREAS, this year, the Youth Assembly celebrates its 81st anniversary and over 105
18 years of excellence and tradition in serving Georgia's students; and

19 WHEREAS, the 81st Youth Assembly is made up of many bright and eager young leaders,
20 including Youth Governor Laura Caswell, of Cartersville; Lieutenant Governor Savannah
21 Viktora, of Adairsville High School; Speaker of the House Austin Gay, of North Oconee
22 County High School; Speaker Pro Tem Maria Baxter, of Oconee County High School; and
23 others; and

24 WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly allows students to experience firsthand the excitement and
25 importance behind the legislative process and better understand the complexity of the
26 lawmaking process in this state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement and ENGAGE: Youth in Government
29 for its work in promoting civic engagement and for sponsoring the Georgia Youth Assembly
30 for 81 years of teaching Georgia's future leaders the legislative and state government process.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Center
33 for Civic Engagement.